

roll call report

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes June 24-30.

HOUSE

REAGAN VETO — By a vote of 253 for and 171 against, the House failed to override President Reagan's veto of a fiscal 1982 "urgent supplemental" appropriations bill in the amount of \$8.9 billion. A two-thirds majority (270 votes) was needed to overcome the veto. While Reagan was most dissatisfied with the bill's \$3 billion stimulus of the housing industry, he also objected to what he viewed as excessive spending for the Postal Service, Corps of Engineers flood control projects, federal highway construction and other pro-

grams. The vetoed bill was HR 5922. Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., who supported overriding the veto, said the \$3 billion for the housing industry "is not a bailout of a single industry. This is a life preserver for a cluster of construction industries which have led this nation out of every recession since World War II."

President Reagan, in his veto message, said "we will not promote a housing recovery by going deeper in debt. More red ink spending will only make the housing recession worse."

Members voting "nay" supported the presidential veto.

Reps. David Bonior, D-Mount Clemens; William Ford, D-Taylor; William Brodhead, D-Detroit; and William

Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted "yea." Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, voted "nay." Rep. James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge, did not vote.

FEDERAL SPENDING — After sustaining the veto, the House passed, 267 for and 166 against, an appropriations bill (HR 6682) virtually identical to the vetoed measure except that it omitted the \$3 billion in special aid for the housing industry. The Senate also passed HR 6682 (see vote below). President Reagan then vetoed this bill, too, saying that about \$1 billion of its \$5.9 billion price tag was "excessive" spending unwanted by the administration. Congressional attempts to override the second veto were likely to be made in mid-July. Counting his successful veto of HR 5922 (see preceding House vote), Reagan has had each of the five vetoes of his presidency sustained by Congress.

Supporter Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., said: "We are the people's branch of the government, the House of Representatives, where we are elected every two years where, if the people are dissatisfied, they can make changes. Are we going to discharge our obligation to the people of the country...?"

Opponents of the bill did not speak during debate.

Members voting "yea" favored passage of the \$5.9 billion 1982 appropriations bill despite the threat of another presidential veto.

Pursell, Bonior, Ford voted "yea."

Brodhead and Broomfield voted "nay."

Blanchard did not vote.

SENATE

CHALLENGING REAGAN — By a vote of 59 for and 26 against, the Senate passed the \$5.9 billion spending bill

(HR 6682) despite signals from the White House that the president would veto the measure. (See preceding vote.)

Supporter Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M., said the programs to be funded by the bill "are important matters already agreed to by the Congress."

Opponent William Proxmire, D-Wisc., said the bill contained \$1.35 billion more than the president has requested and that that "is just too much of an add-on for this senator to support..."

Senators voting "yea" supported \$5.9 billion in additional fiscal 1982 spending for a variety of programs.

Sens. Carl Levin, D, and Donald Riegle, D, voted "yea."

SUMMER JOBS — By a vote of 55 for and 37 against, the Senate tabled and thus killed an amendment to appropriate an additional \$68 million for 1982 summer jobs programs for youths, primarily inner-city minorities. About 675,000 slots already have been funded, and this would have raised the number to 735,000. The vote came during debate on a short-term spending bill aimed at funding various programs until Congress and the president resolve their battle over longer-term measures. (See preceding votes.) The bill (HR 6685) was headed for final passage and the White House.

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., who favored tabling the amendment, said the extra money would invite a presidential veto of the bill and that its approval by the Senate would "raise false expectations" in the cities.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who sponsored the amendment, said these teenagers should not be forced to bear the brunt of Reagan's recession.

Senators voting "nay" wanted to spend more this summer to provide jobs for teenagers.

Levin and Riegle voted "nay."

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Tomatoes often self-seed. If tomatoes are left on old vines in the garden over the winter, they will sprout in the spring. Or perhaps you had a picnic last summer and some salad tomatoes were squashed under foot. Whatever the case, just enjoy.

I need help with keeping track of important papers. I don't know what to keep and what to throw away. I have certain things in a safe-deposit box but there are so many other items that I am sure I will need someday scattered all over my house. How do I decide what's important?

B.N., Garden City

A safe-deposit box for papers that are difficult or impossible or expensive to replace such as marriage and

birth certificates, wills, contracts, stocks and bonds is a good idea.

For other household records, a filing system, whether elaborate as an office or as simple as a cardboard box will work nicely. The important thing is to keep everything in one place so that you don't find yourself searching frantically when you must find something quickly. Simply label sections according to your needs — unpaid bills, receipts, cancelled checks, health records and so on.

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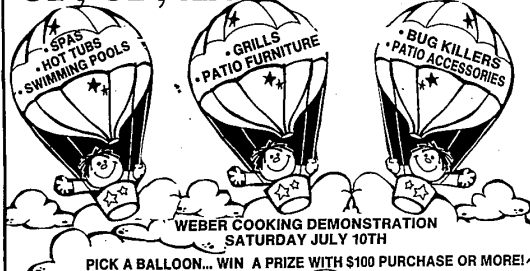
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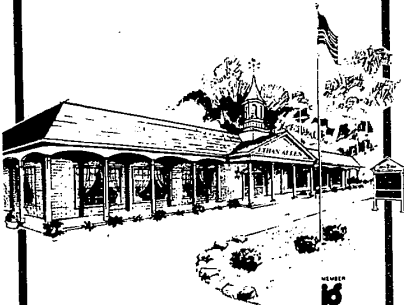
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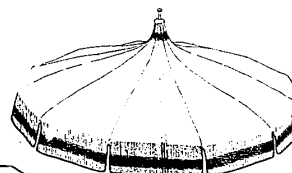
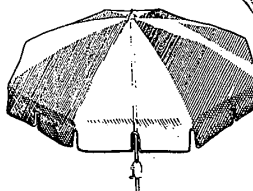
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